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May 3, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **PETITION NO. 1622** – C-Tec Solar, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.66-megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 186 Foster Street, South Windsor, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection. **Completeness Review.**

I. Introduction

The petition is from C-Tec Solar, LLC for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 1.66-megawatt alternating current solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and associated equipment to be located at 186 Foster Street, in the Town of South Windsor, Connecticut. The Town of Manchester is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

II. Technical

The petition conforms to the Council's guide for *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling for a Renewable Energy Facility*, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed project, costs, and the environmental effects of the proposed construction. The petition meets statutory and regulatory technical requirements for processing the petition. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-39 have been fulfilled.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS § 4-176(e), within 60 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory ruling, an agency in writing **shall**: (1) issue a declaratory ruling; (2) hold a public hearing on the matter; (3) decide to issue a declaratory ruling by a specified date; (4) decide to initiate regulation making proceedings; **or** (5) decide not to issue a declaratory ruling.

In response to requests for a public hearing on this petition, the Council voted to hold a public hearing during the Council meeting held on April 25, 2024. Staff recommends holding the public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on June 27, 2024 and depositing the transcript in the South Windsor Town Hall.

Enclosure: Schedule

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REVISED SCHEDULE

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| Petition received | 03/14/2024 |
| Council 60-day Action – Hold Public Hearing | 04/25/2024 |
| Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set One Issued• Set One Responses due | TBD TBD |
| Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing (11:00 a.m.) | 05/22/2024 |
| Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenors | 06/13/2024 |
| Deadline for Pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories | 06/20/2024 |
| Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status | 06/20/2024 |
| Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on the Petition 1622 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i> | 06/27/2024 |
| Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i> | TBD |
| Close of Evidentiary Record | 06/27/2024 |
| Close of Public Comment Period | 07/27/2024 |
| Draft Findings of Fact | 08/15/2024 |
| Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order | 08/29/2024 |
| Deadline for Decision | 09/10/2024 |

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone